

REMARKS

Claims 17-30, 47-59, and 61 were rejected as unpatentable over BODNAR et al. 6,295,541 in view of BENSON et al. 6,202,085 and BURKETT et al. 6,635,089. The independent claims have been amended and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The amended claims include managing an update of the structured document using an updated minimum element of the structured document that is marked with a transfer object flag, wherein the updated minimum element includes an updated portion of the structured document, and where the updated minimum element is identified for transmission based on a location of the transfer object flag within the tree structure and transmitted to the client devices. Support for the amendment is found at page 16, lines 11-12, page 17, lines 21-26, page 18, lines 16-21, and in the figures including "transfer object flag f." The flags allow the updated minimum element to be marked and located dynamically depending on a position of the flag within the tree structure.

The proposed combination does not disclose that the updated minimum element is marked with a transfer object flag and that the updated minimum element is identified for transmission based on a location of the transfer object flag within the tree structure, and thus the amended claims avoid the rejection under §103.

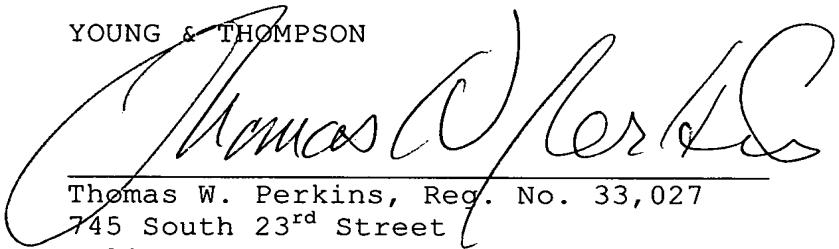
BODNAR et al. use tabulated data and update cells based on identified columns and rows (column 19, line 40 through column 20, line 21). Since the reference relies on a fixed position within a grid, the technique may be considered static or inflexible. The reference does not set flags to identify for transmission the updated minimum element and does not look for flags that mark the position of the updated minimum element. By contrast, the flags in the claims afford a more dynamic and flexible response. Neither BENSON et al. nor BURKETT et al. make up these shortcomings.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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